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DON'T WORRY,
DR. WILY. I'VE
GOT THINGS
COVERED HERE!
MEGA MAN
WON'T GET
PAST ME!

FOR YOUR
SAKE, ELEC
MAN, YOU'D
BETTER BE
RIGHT.

YOU'VE
DEPLOYED
THE ROBOTS
I SENT TO
YOU?

OH, I DID ONE
BETTER. I
GAVE MYSELF
ACCESS TO
ALL THE
POWER
CONDUITS IN
THIS FACILITY!

THAT'S NOT
WHAT I TOLD
YOU TO DO!

BUT LOOK!
WHEN I DO
THIS...

"...I TURN
THE ENTIRE
POWER PLANT
INTO AN ELEC-
TRIFIED TRAP!"

WHOA!

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GAMES BEGIN!**

PART THREE:

POWER GET!

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THAT WAS CLOSE-- BUT I'M TOO QUICK!



HA! AND THAT PROVES YOU'RE JUST SHOOTING BLINDLY.

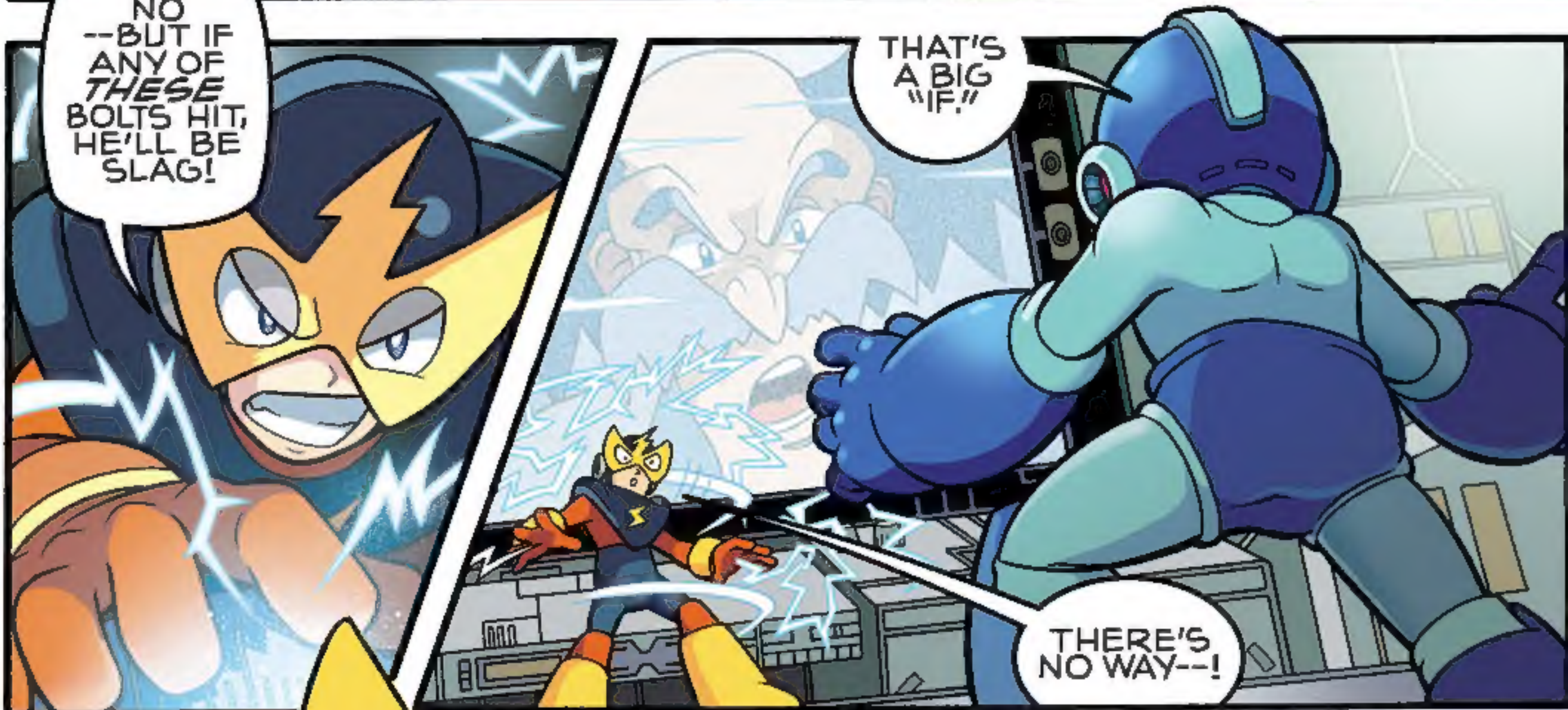


ALMOST THERE... YOU'RE IN TROUBLE NOW!



THAT'S ...NOT GOOD.

WHAT'S HAPPENING? DID YOU BLOW A FUSE?



NO --BUT IF ANY OF THESE BOLTS HIT, HE'LL BE SLAG!

THAT'S A BIG "IF!"

THERE'S NO WAY--!



IT DOESN'T MATTER! DR. WILY COMMANDS THAT I STOP YOU!

OH, YOU CAN TRY...

A large panel showing Dr. Eggman in a control room. He is looking at a computer monitor that displays a small robot character holding a knife. The room is filled with various control panels and screens.

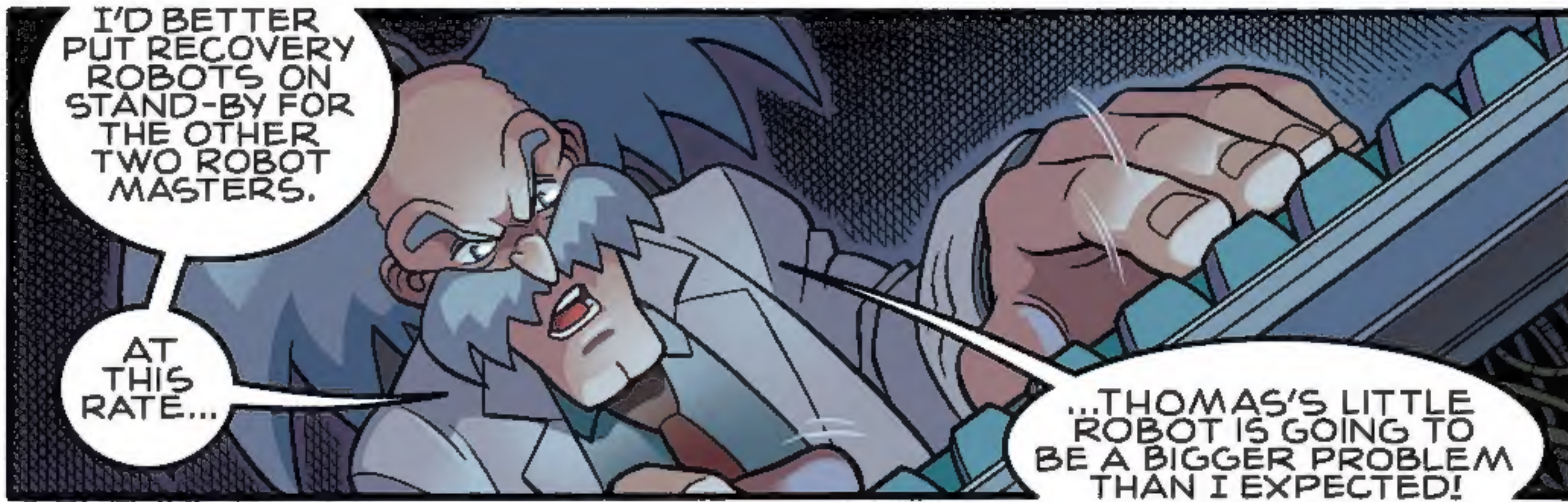
THAT'S IT! GET HIM! ZAP HIM!

A panel showing a robot character being blocked by a larger robot. The robot character is in the air, and the larger robot is in the foreground, looking towards the viewer.

NO! MOVE, YOU FOOL! DON'T LET HIM--!

A panel showing Dr. Eggman from behind, looking out a window. Outside, there is a large explosion or fire. A sign above the window reads "Dr. SIGNAL LOST".

Dr. SIGNAL LOST

A panel showing Dr. Eggman sitting at a computer keyboard, looking frustrated. He is typing on the keyboard.

I'D BETTER PUT RECOVERY ROBOTS ON STAND-BY FOR THE OTHER TWO ROBOT MASTERS.

AT THIS RATE...

...THOMAS'S LITTLE ROBOT IS GOING TO BE A BIGGER PROBLEM THAN I EXPECTED!



DID YOU SEE THAT, DR. LIGHT?

I TOOK HIM DOWN IN NO TIME!



AND NOW HIS THUNDER BEAM IS MINE!



HEY!

BWOO-WIP!



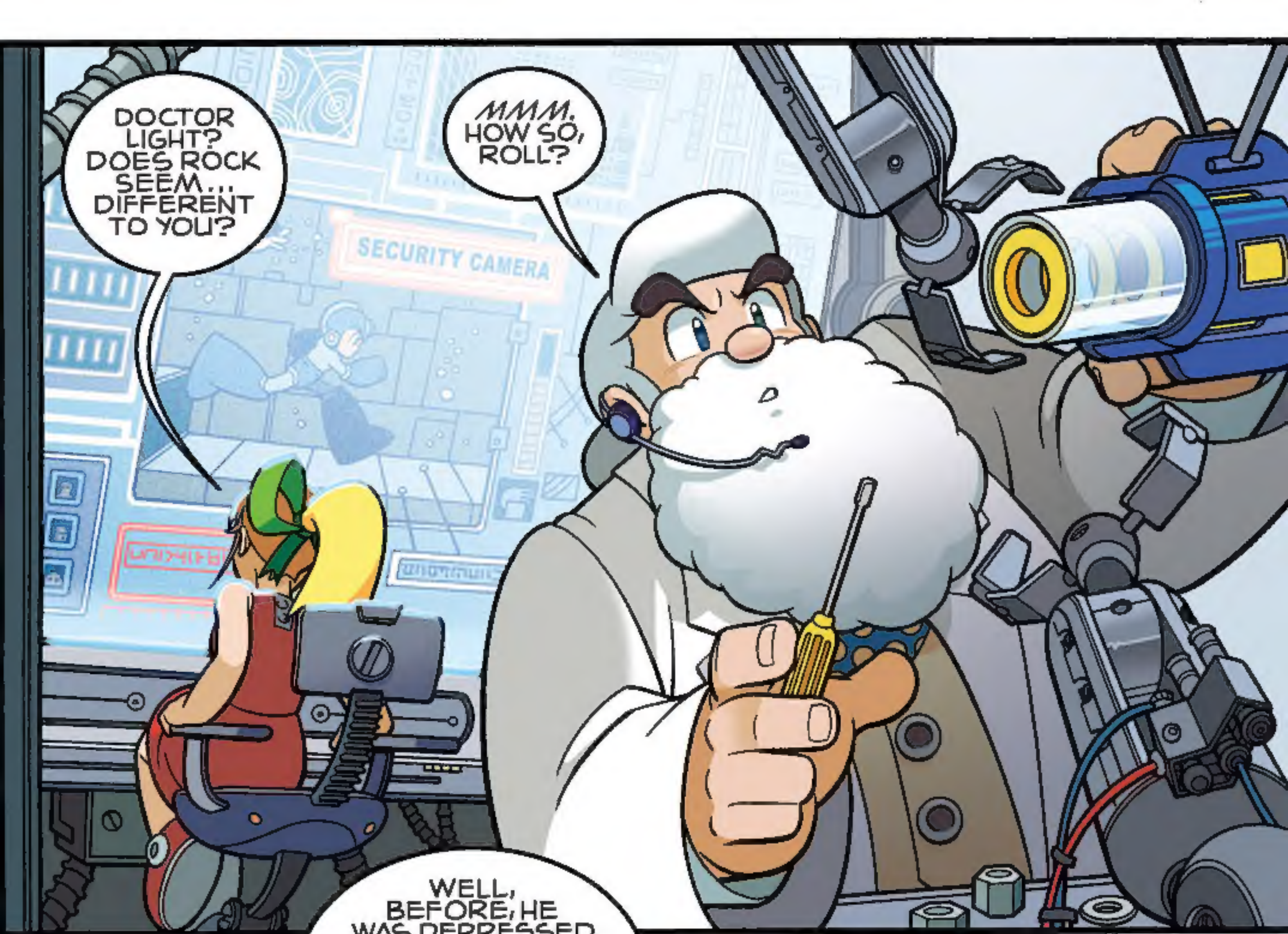
HUH... WHAT HAPPENED HERE?

THIS IS ICE MAN'S DOING. HE TOOK OVER THIS WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND MISUSED HIS POWERS TO FREEZE THE AREA.



BWOO-WIP!

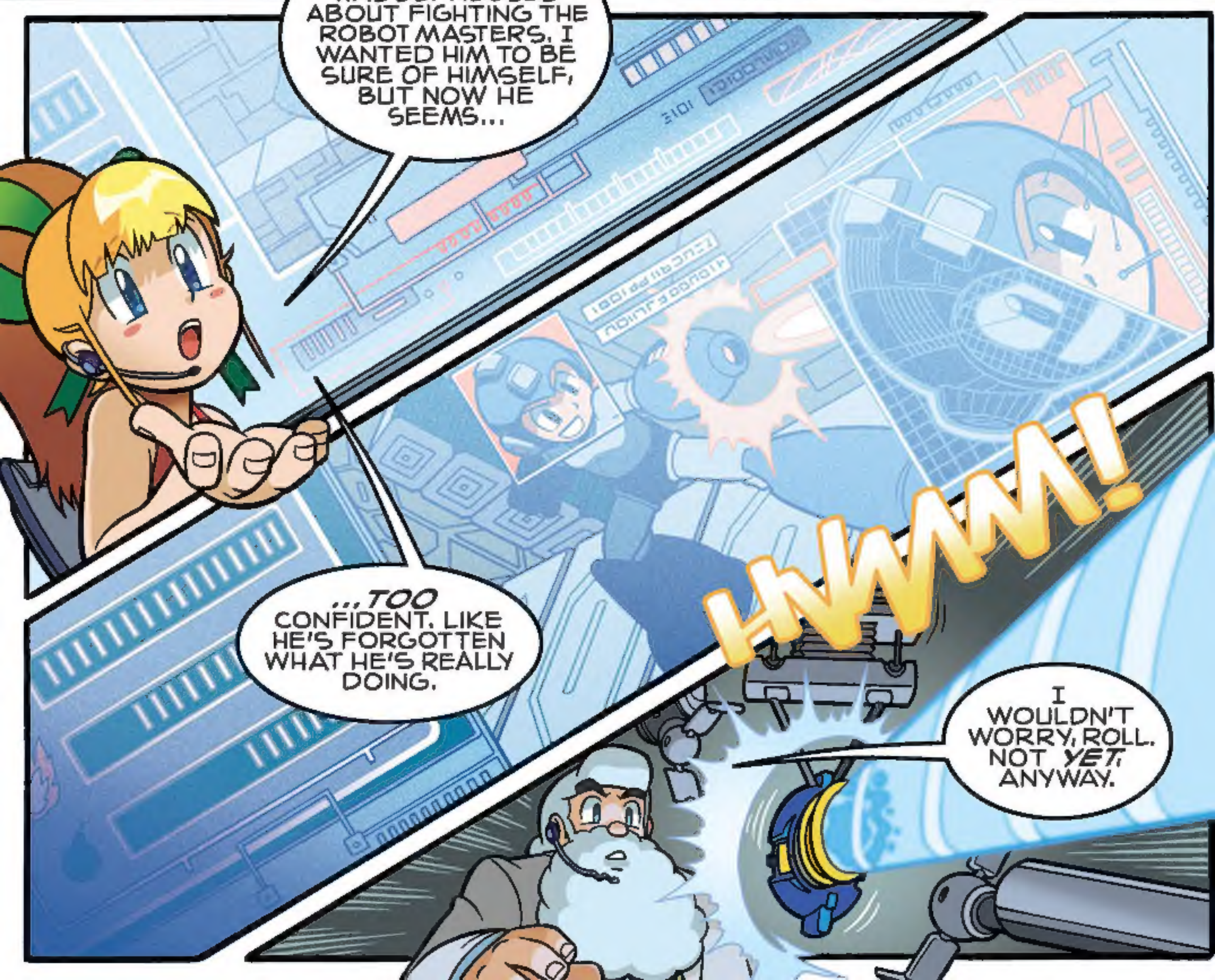
WELL, HE DIDN'T COUNT ON *ME* COMING TO STOP HIM! I'LL HANDLE THIS!



DOCTOR LIGHT? DOES ROCK SEEM... DIFFERENT TO YOU?

MMM, HOW SO, ROLL?

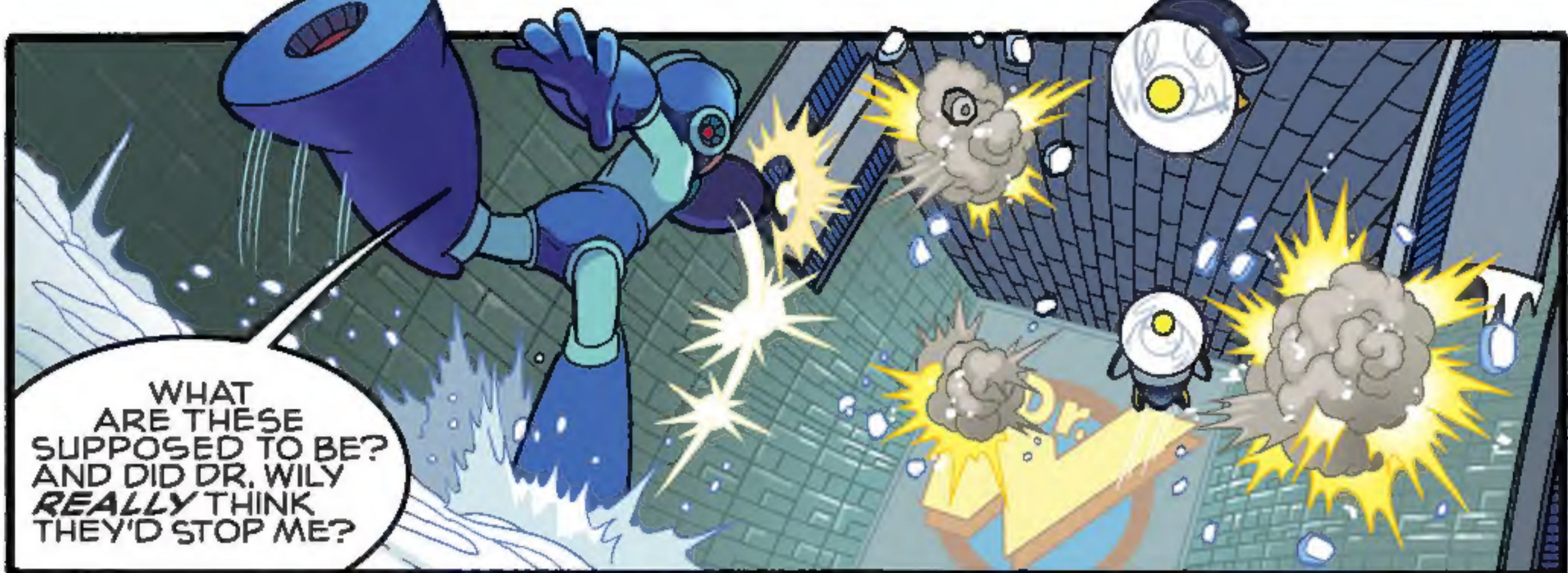
WELL, BEFORE, HE WAS DEPRESSED ABOUT FIGHTING THE ROBOT MASTERS. I WANTED HIM TO BE SURE OF HIMSELF, BUT NOW HE SEEMS...



...*TOO* CONFIDENT, LIKE HE'S FORGOTTEN WHAT HE'S REALLY DOING.

I WOULDN'T WORRY, ROLL. NOT *YET*, ANYWAY.

HNNNN!



WHAT ARE THESE SUPPOSED TO BE? AND DID DR. WILY REALLY THINK THEY'D STOP ME?



GIVE IT UP, ICE MAN! YOU CAN'T BEAT *MEGA MAN!*

NO! THIS PLACE IS MINE! DOCTOR WILY SAID I COULD KEEP IT!



AND ONCE YOU'RE FROZEN, YOU'LL BE MINE, TOO!

NOT LIKELY!



I'VE GOT JUST THE THING FOR YOU...



**THUNDER
BEAM!**

AUGH!

**AND NOW
YOUR ICE
SLASHER
IS MINE!**

**I'M
NOT SURE
IF I REALLY
WANT IT,
THOUGH. IT
SURE DIDN'T
DO YOU ANY
GOOD.**

**BWOO-
WIP!**



HMPH.



I GET IT, DR. LIGHT, YOU WANT ME TO HURRY UP AND FINISH THIS.



WELL,
NOTHING
CAN STOP
ME NOW!

NO
DEFENSES
CAN SLOW
ME DOWN!

FIRE CAN'T
MELT ME!
HEAT CAN'T
TOUCH ME!

AND NO
ROBOT
MASTER
CAN BEAT
ME!

SLAM!



YOU MAY HAVE
BEATEN THE
OTHERS, PARDNER,
BUT YOU WON'T--

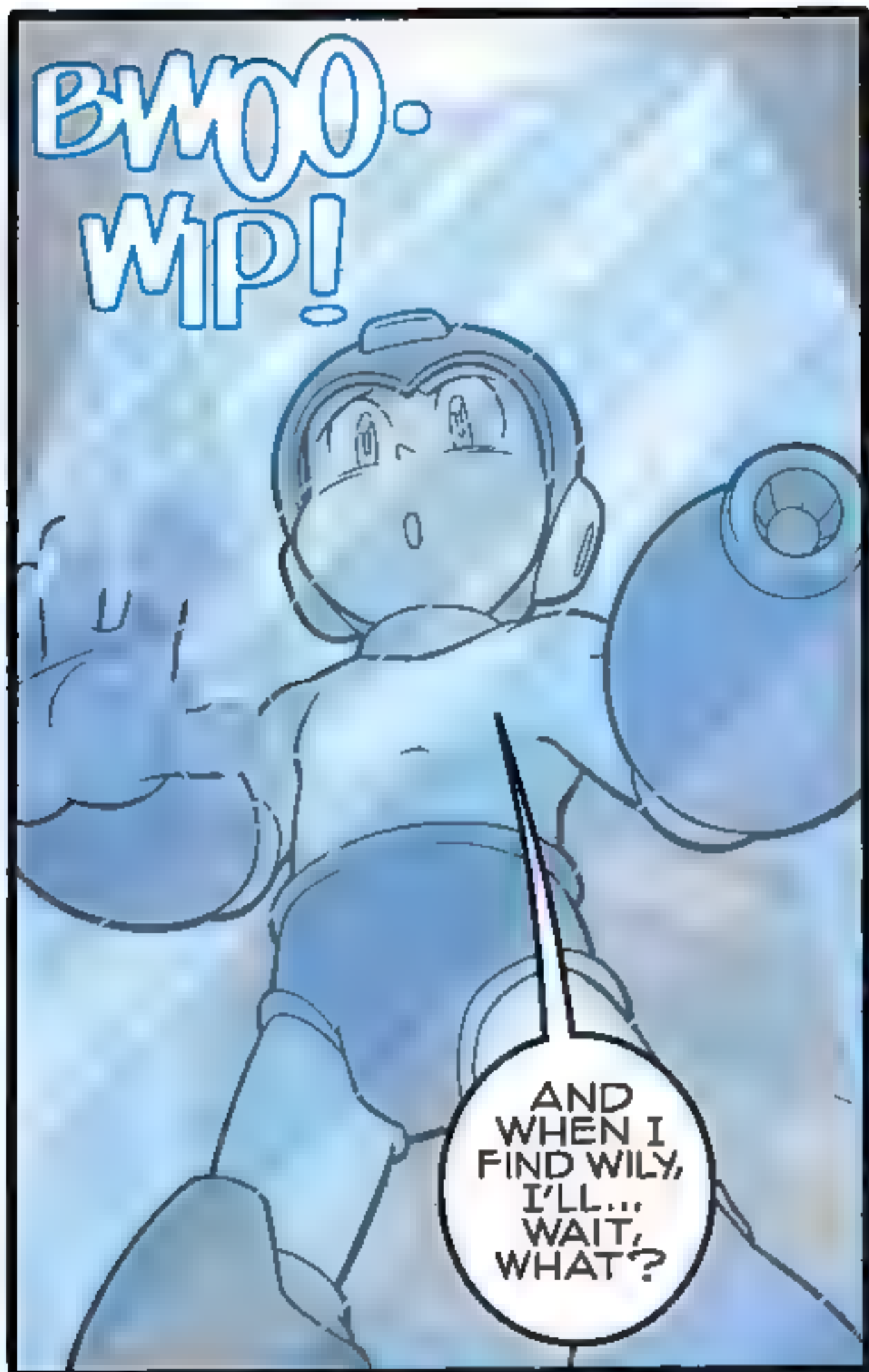
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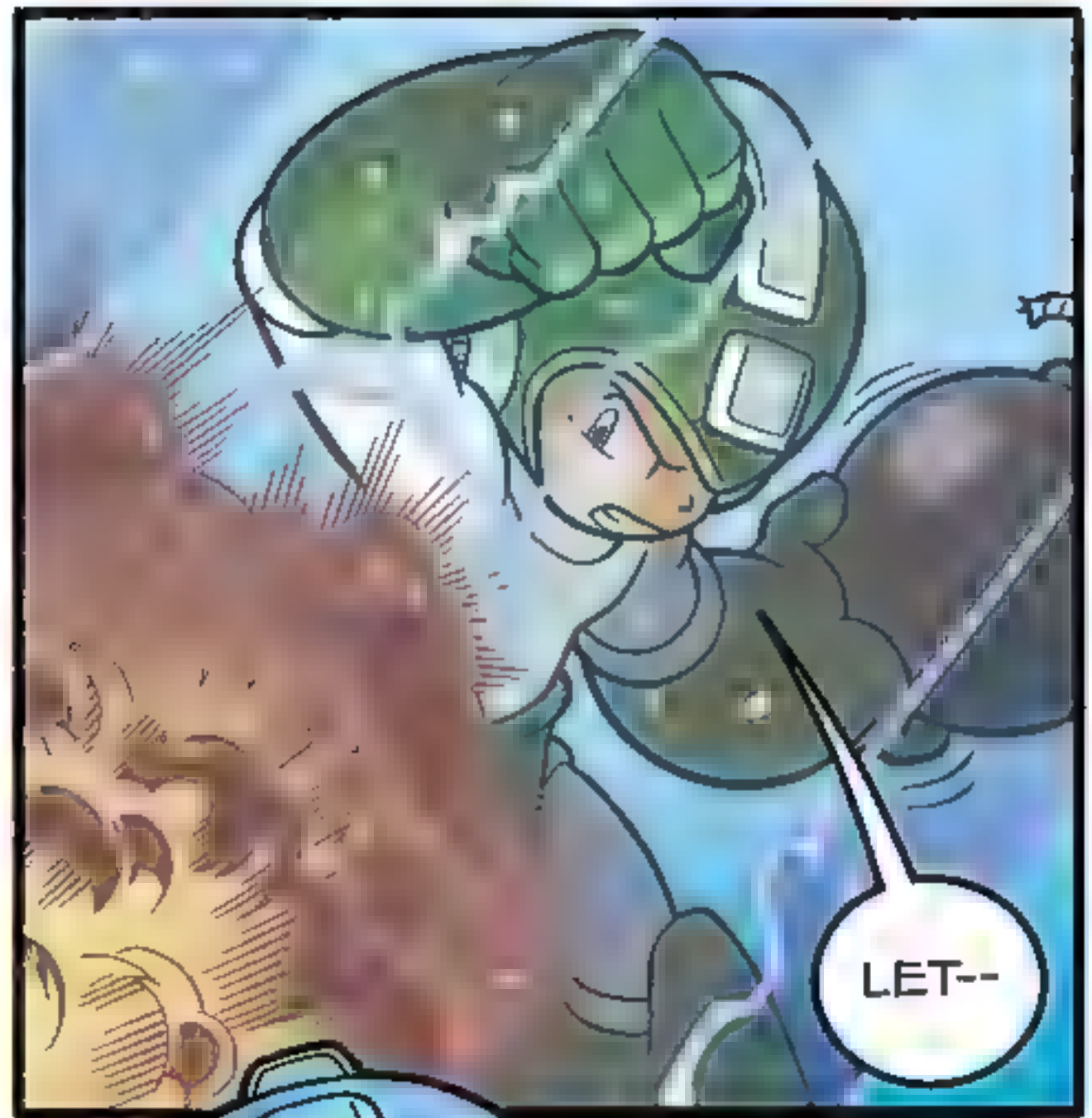


HAHAHA!
STOPPED
YOU COLD!



YOU CALL
YOURSELF A
ROBOT
"MASTER,"
FIRE MAN?
YOU'RE
NOTHING
COMPARED
TO ME!
NOTHING!







R-ROLL
...I...



CLUNK!



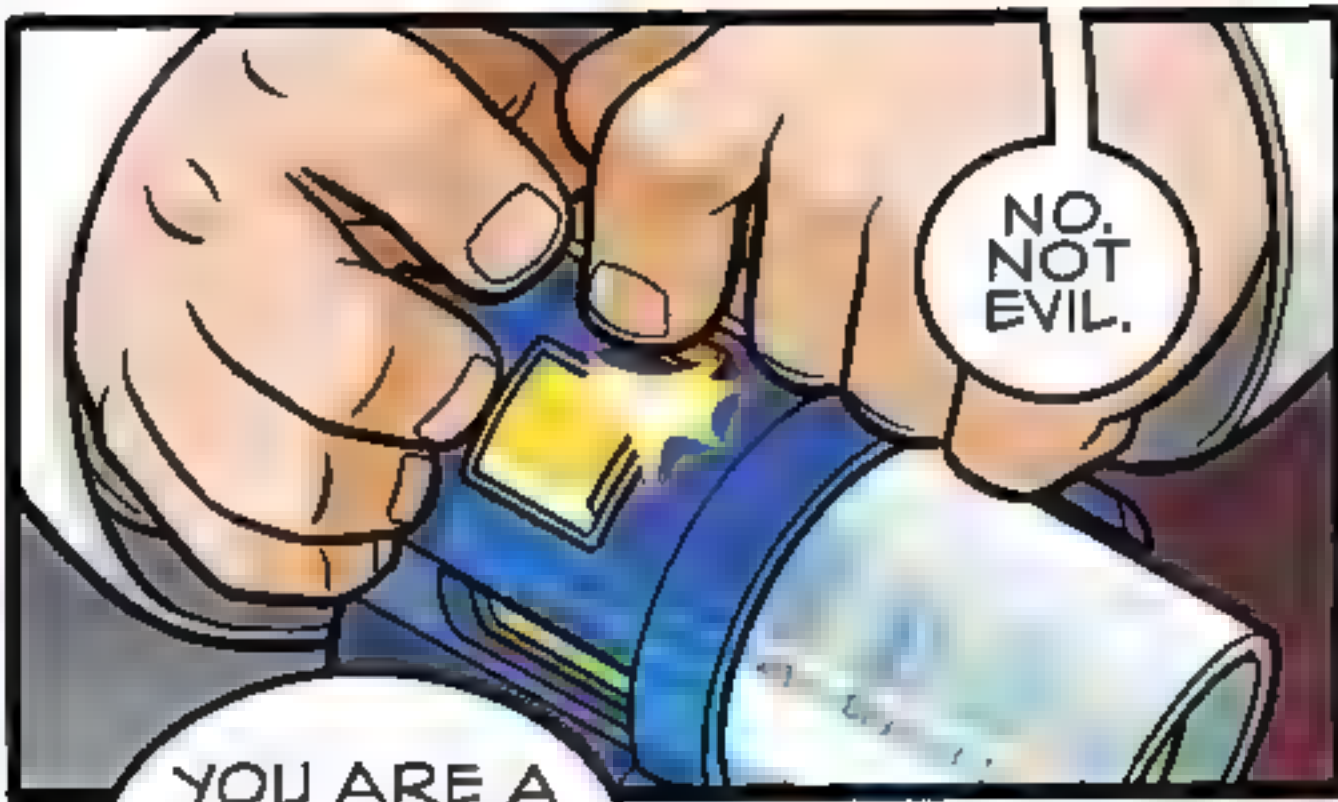
DOCTOR
LIGHT?



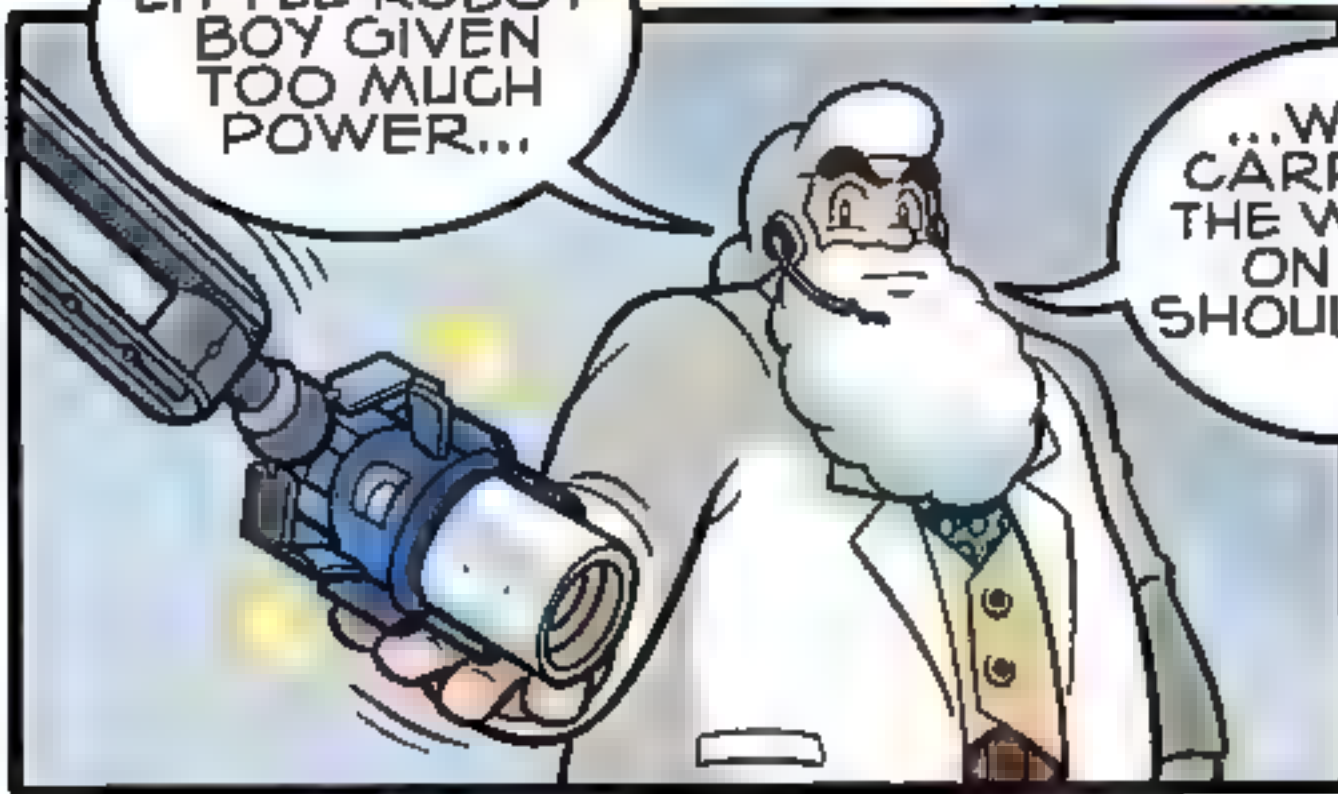
PLEASE...
TAKE THESE
WEAPONS AWAY
FROM ME. ALL
OF THEM, EVEN
THE MEGA
BUSTER! I'VE
BECOME JUST
LIKE THEM!



I'M
JUST AS
EVIL AS
WILY.



NO,
NOT
EVIL.



YOU ARE A
LITTLE ROBOT
BOY GIVEN
TOO MUCH
POWER...

...WHILE
CARRYING
THE WORLD
ON HIS
SHOULDERS.



I MADE
YOU IN MY
IMAGE.

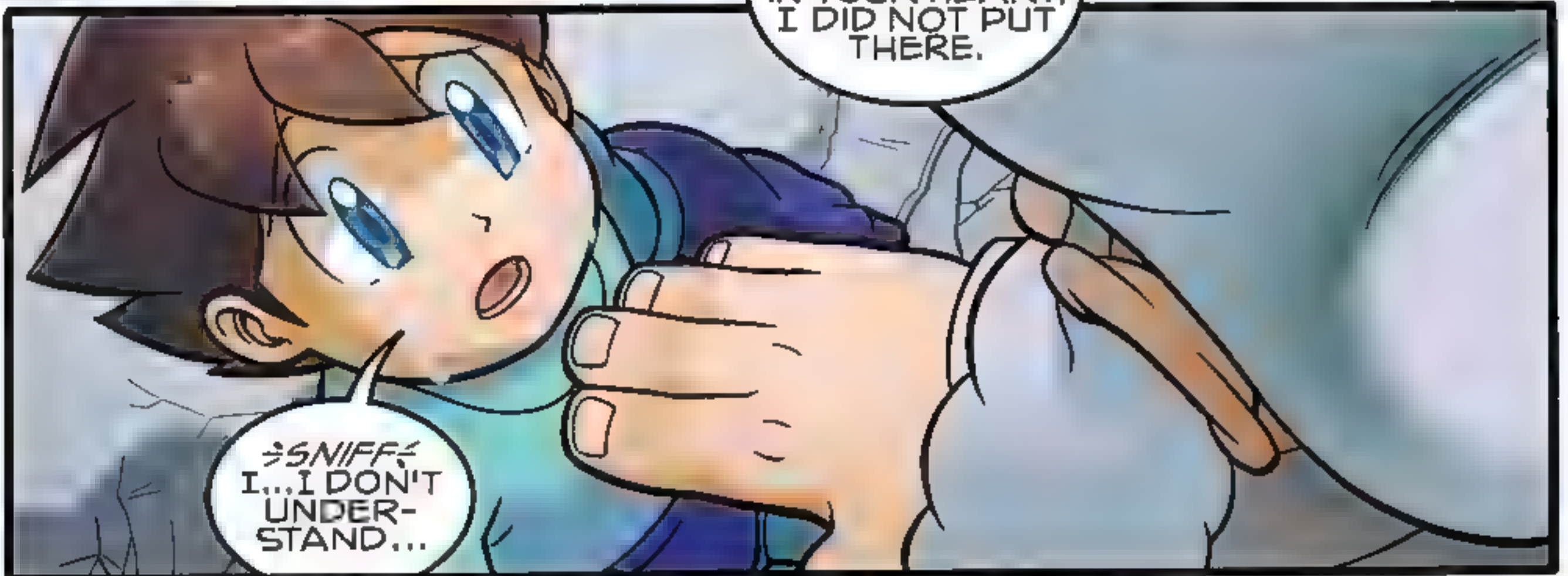
I BUILT
YOUR HEART
AND GAVE
YOU EYES.

I GAVE
YOU POWER
AND A SENSE
OF JUSTICE
BEYOND ANY
COMPARE...

I GAVE
YOU HANDS,
A CHILD'S
FACE...

...HEH...
ROBOT
HAIR.

BUT
THIS BURDEN,
THE BURNING
IN YOUR HEART,
I DID NOT PUT
THERE.



⇒SNIFF⇒
I...I DON'T
UNDER-
STAND...

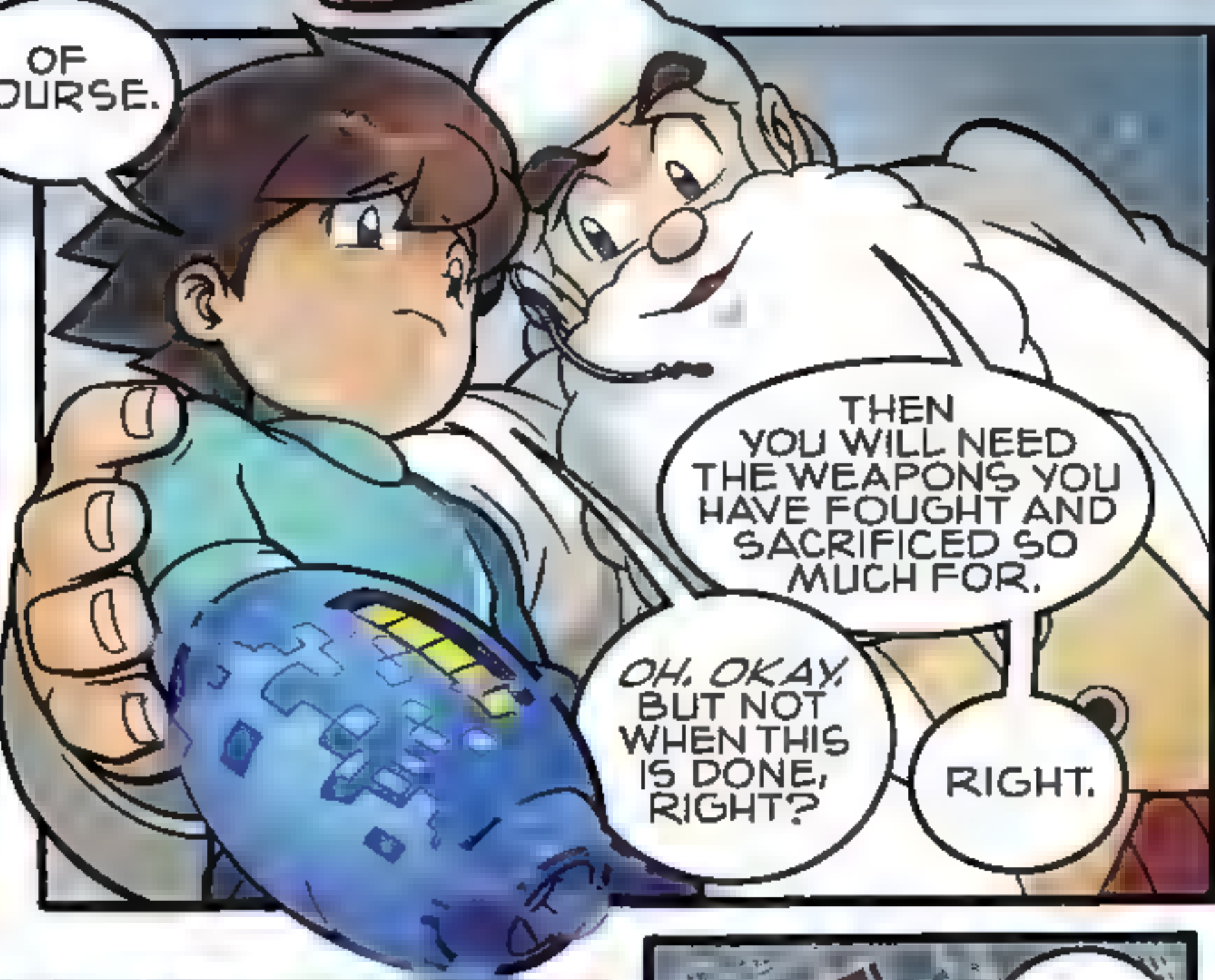


I MEAN THAT I KNEW YOU WERE TAKING ON A GREAT TASK AND THAT DESPITE ALL YOUR COURAGE AND STRENGTH, YOU WOULD NEED HELP. I'M HELPING YOU NOW, ROCK.

I DON'T WANT TO LOSE ANOTHER OF MY BELOVED CREATIONS.

SNIFFE SO SNIFFE I'M NOT EVIL?
A CHILDISH TANTRUM IS HARDLY EVIL. DO YOU STILL WANT TO STOP DR. WILY AND SAVE EVERYONE?

OF COURSE.



THEN YOU WILL NEED THE WEAPONS YOU HAVE FOUGHT AND SACRIFICED SO MUCH FOR.

OH, OKAY, BUT NOT WHEN THIS IS DONE, RIGHT?

RIGHT.



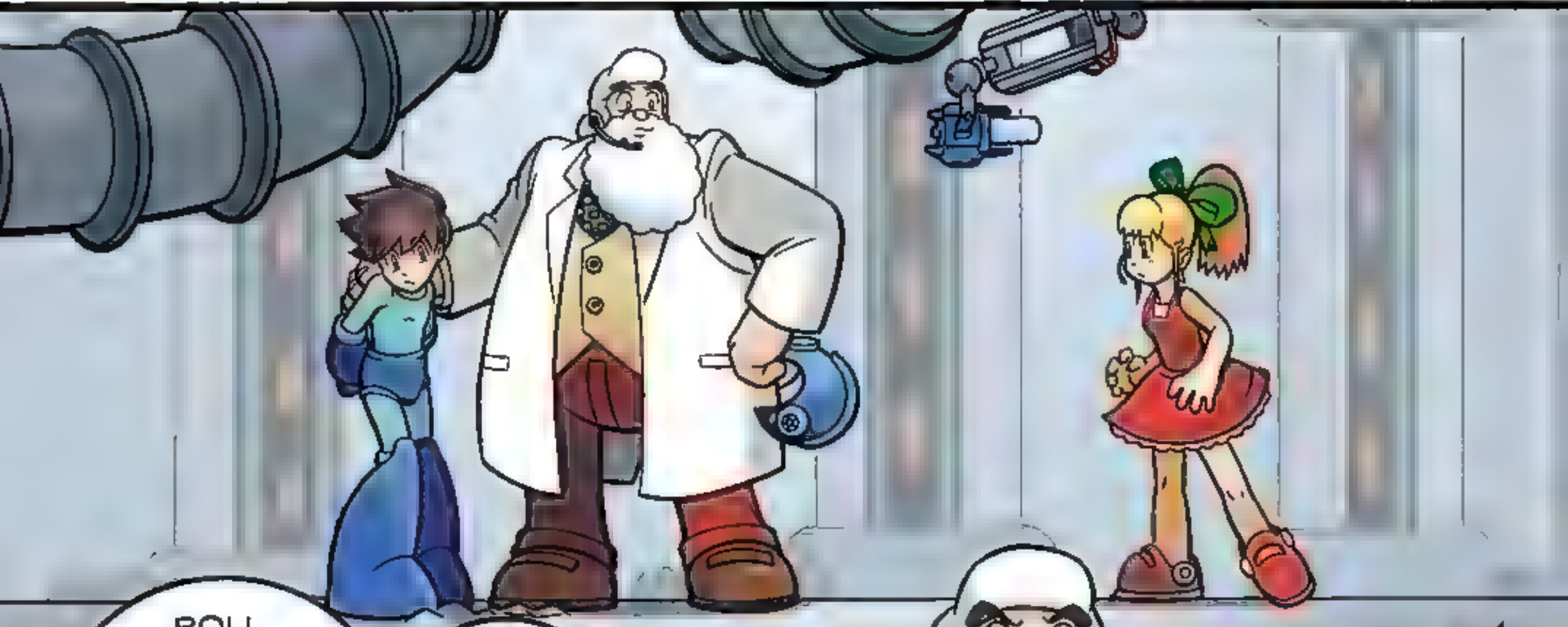
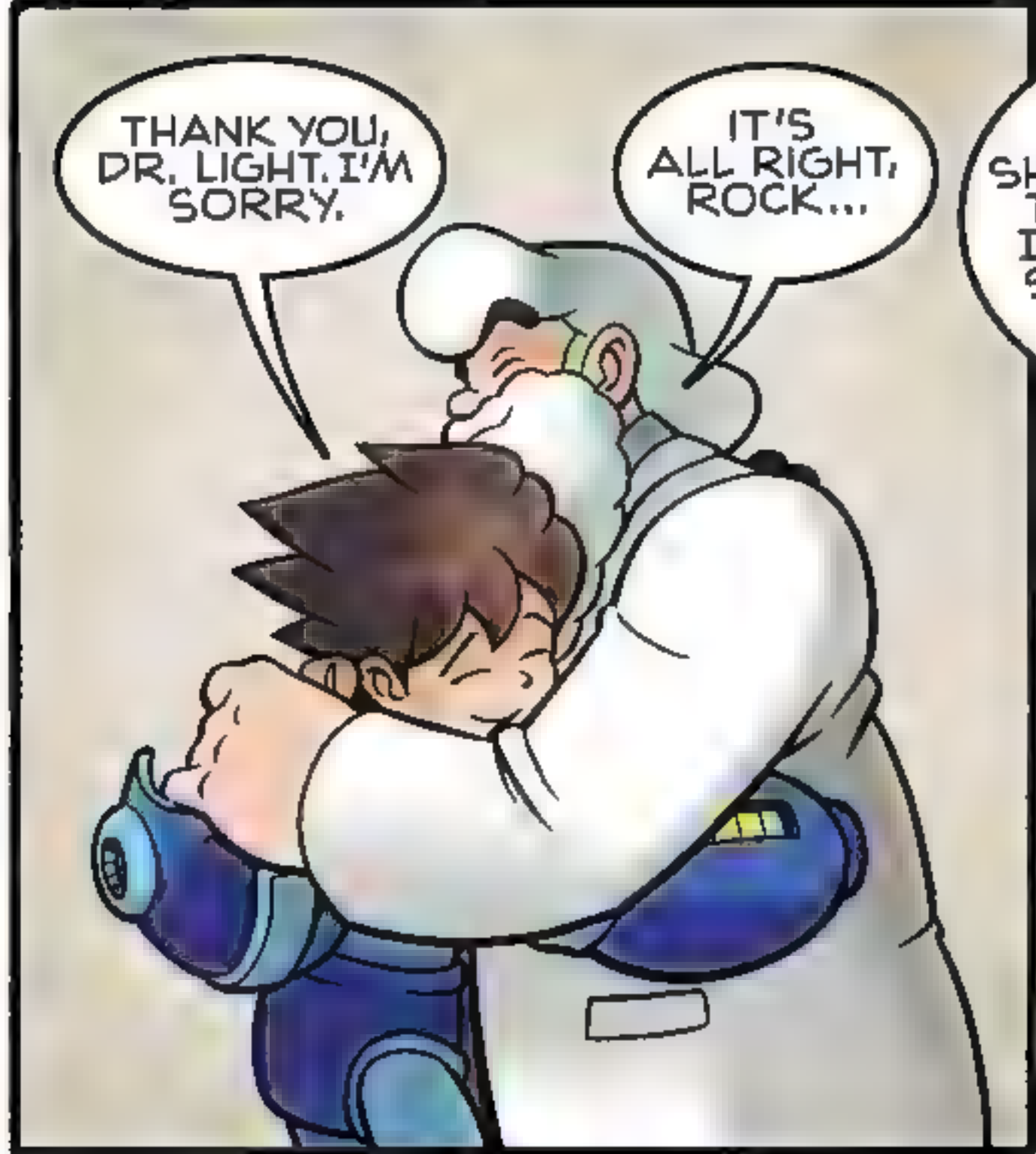
I EVEN DEVELOPED THIS NEW BEAM TO HELP YOU.

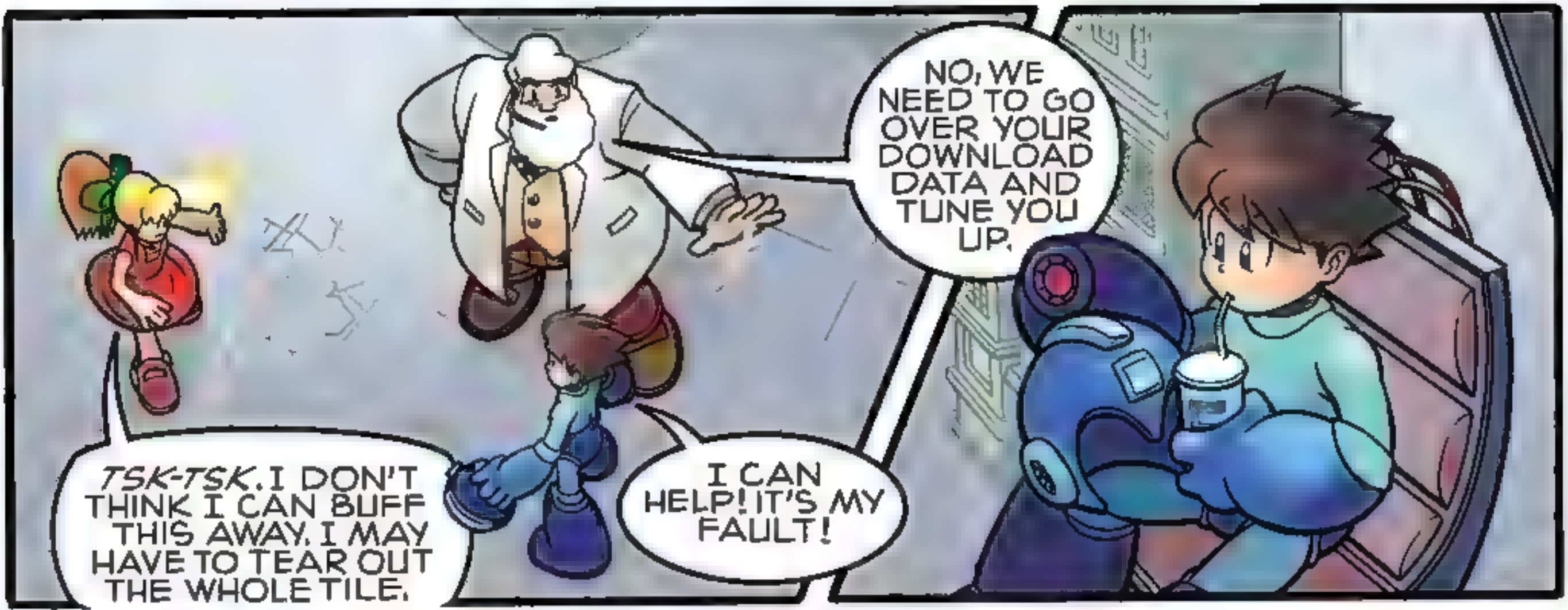
AS LONG AS IT DOESN'T BLOW THINGS UP.

IT COULDN'T, EVEN IF YOU TRIED.



OKAY.

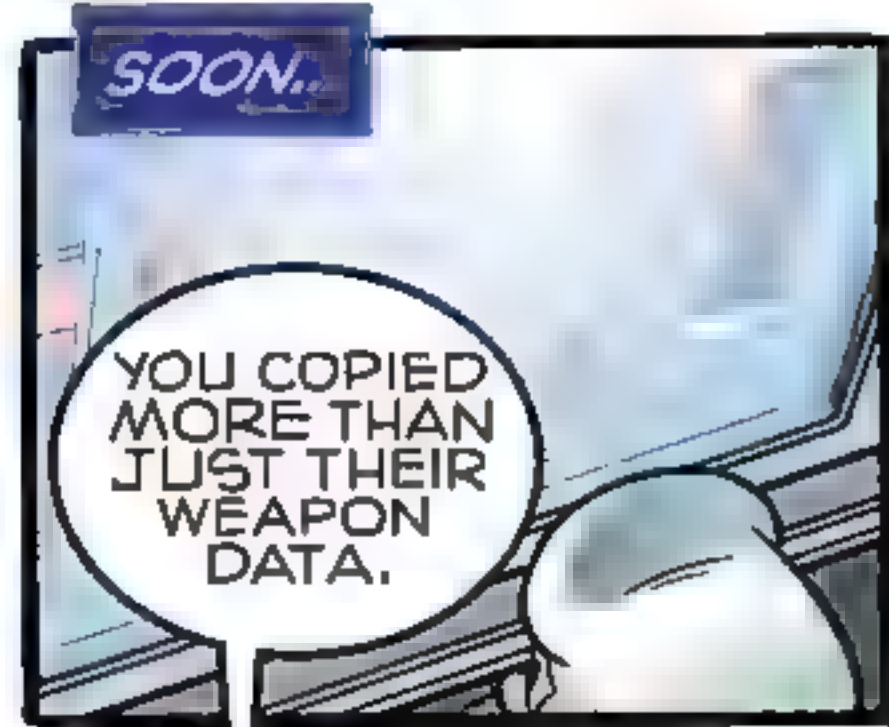




NO, WE NEED TO GO OVER YOUR DOWNLOAD DATA AND TUNE YOU UP.

I CAN HELP! IT'S MY FAULT!

TSK-TSK. I DON'T THINK I CAN BLUFF THIS AWAY. I MAY HAVE TO TEAR OUT THE WHOLE TILE.



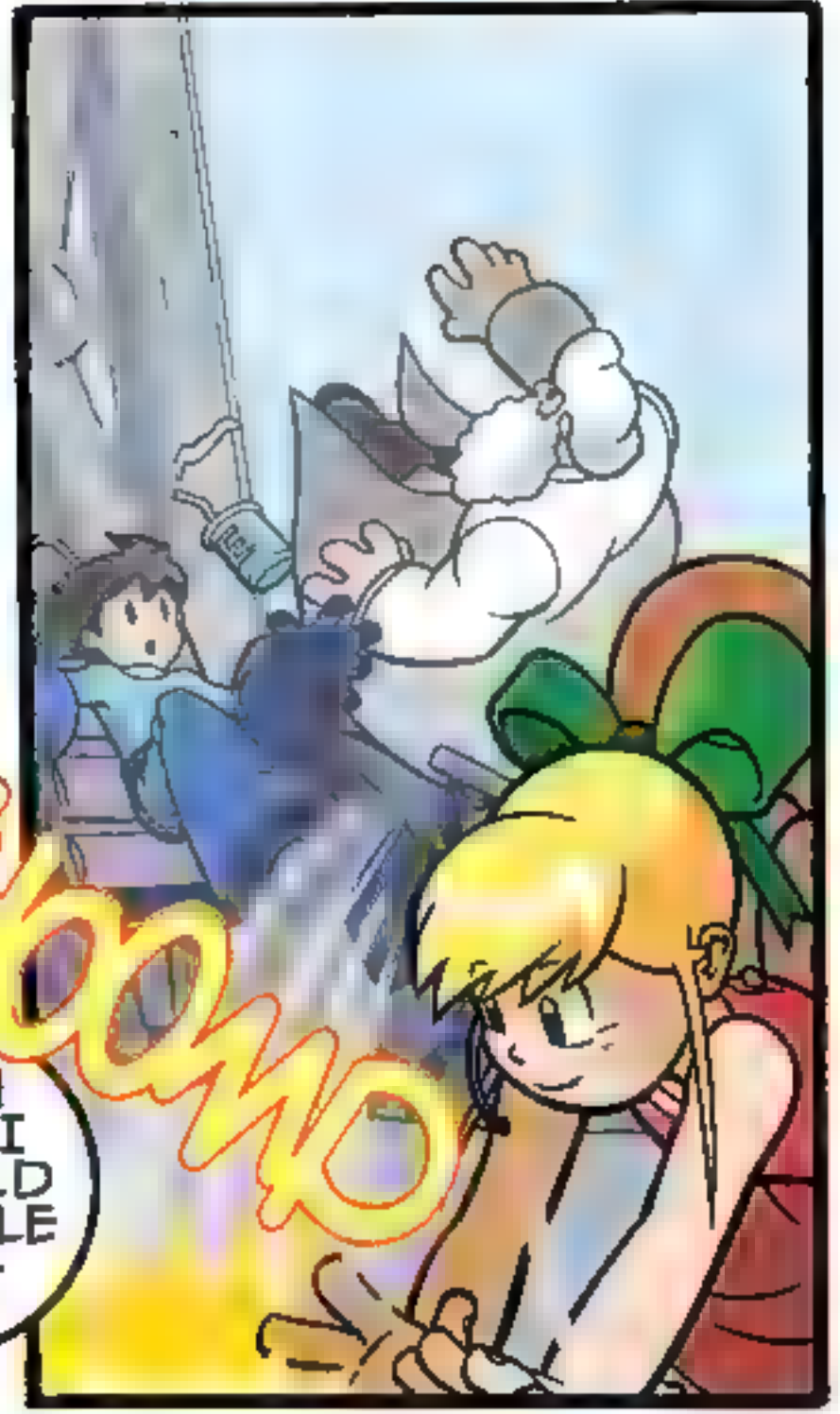
YOU COPIED MORE THAN JUST THEIR WEAPON DATA.



YOU COPIED A GREAT DEAL OF THEIR MOVEMENT RECORDS.

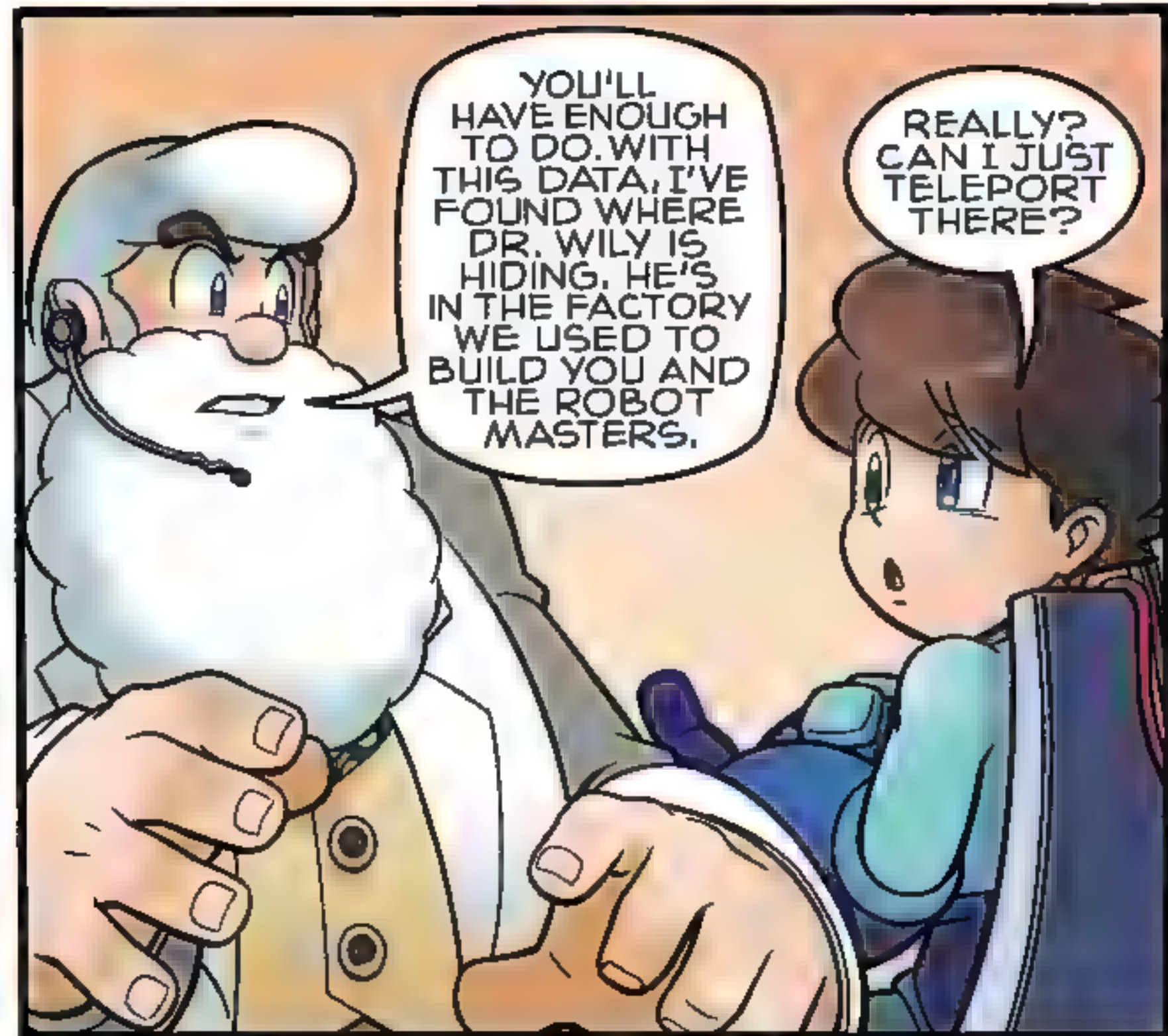


WITH THIS, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO--



SORRY!

I'M SORRY YOU'RE DOING THAT ALL BY YOURSELF!



YOU'LL HAVE ENOUGH TO DO. WITH THIS DATA, I'VE FOUND WHERE DR. WILY IS HIDING. HE'S IN THE FACTORY WE USED TO BUILD YOU AND THE ROBOT MASTERS.

REALLY? CAN I JUST TELEPORT THERE?

NO. HE'S PUT SOME KIND OF SCRAMBLING FIELD UP, SO YOU'LL HAVE TO GO MOST OF THE WAY ON FOOT.

THAT'S OKAY, I DON'T MIND.

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN, ROCK.

IF HE HAS A SCRAMBLER FIELD UP, HE'S PROBABLY FORTIFIED THE ENTIRE FACTORY INTO SOME KIND OF FORTRESS. IT WILL BE DANGEROUS.

OH, YEAH, I CAN SEE HOW WALKING WOULD BE A PROBLEM THEN.

BE CAREFUL, ROCK! BE SUPER CAREFUL! MEGA-CAREFUL!

I WILL, ROLL! I PROMISE!

I'VE RECHARGED YOUR BATTERIES, FIXED THE DINGS YOU RECEIVED, AND REFILLED YOUR WEAPONS.

THANK YOU, DR. LIGHT.

REMEMBER THAT YOU USE THE WEAPONS. DO NOT LET THEIR POWER USE YOU.

I WON'T, NOT EVER AGAIN.

OKAY, WELL, I GUESS I'LL GO STOP DR. WILY NOW.

WE'LL BE MONITORING YOU FROM HERE. GOOD LUCK, ROCK.

**BWOOW
WIP!**

WELL
...HERE
YOU ARE,
ROCK.

TIME
TO FACE
DOCTOR
WILY.

I JUST HOPE
I CAN GET PAST
THOSE GUARD
ROBOTS...



WHOA!

I DON'T HAVE
TIME TO FIGHT
YOU! PLEASE
LET ME PASS!

I SEE
HOW IT IS, THOMAS.
I TAKE WHAT'S RIGHT-
FULLY MINE, AND YOU
MAKE YOUR FLOOR-
SCRUBBER INTO
A KNOCK-OFF.

AND THEN YOU FLAUNT
HIM AROUND LIKE HE'S
SOMETHING SPECIAL AND
UNIQUE!

WELL, THAT'S
FINE. SEND
YOUR LITTLE
BLUE BOMBER
FOR ME.



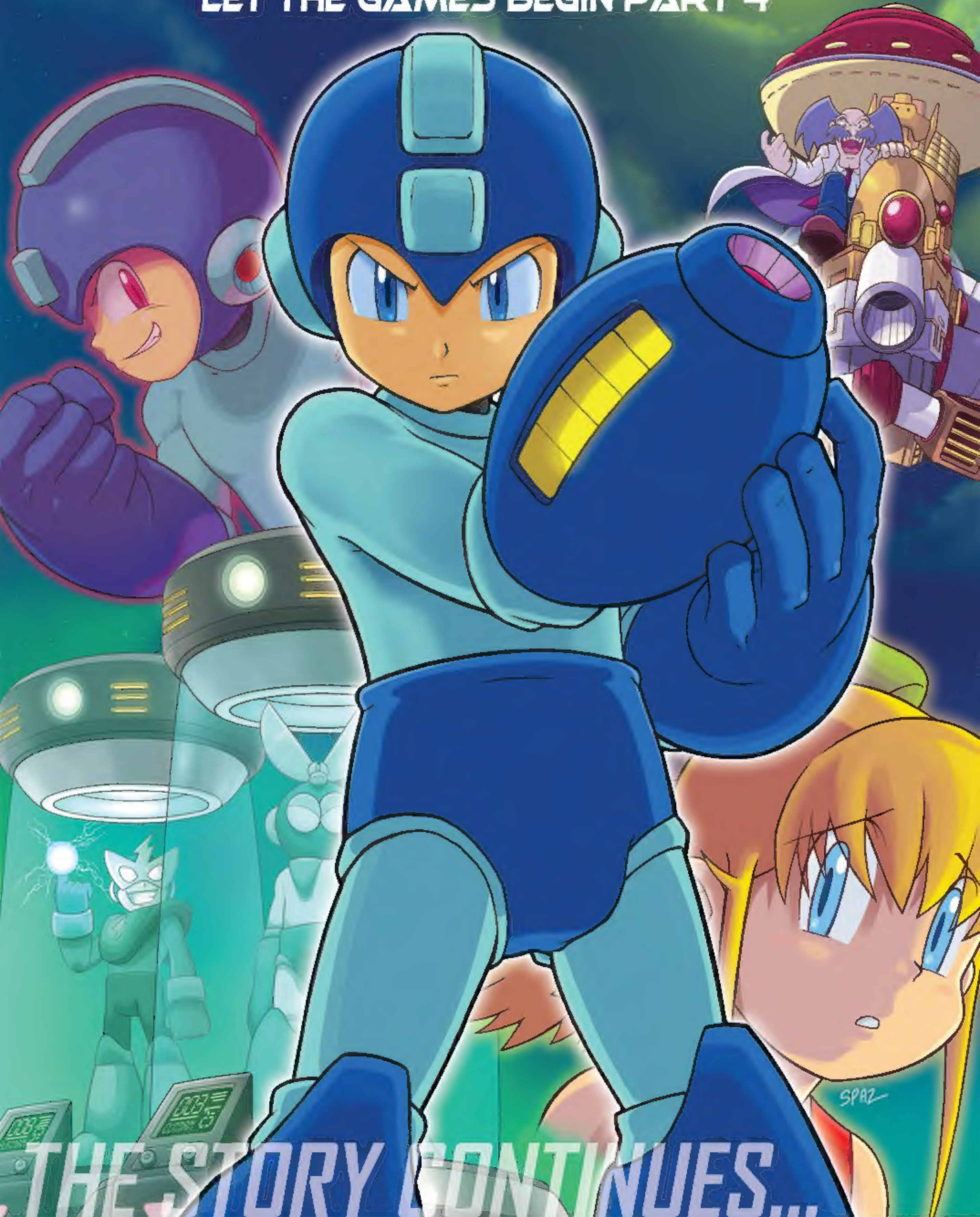


WE'LL
BE WAITING
FOR HIM.
HA HA HA
HA HA!

WE'VE COME FULL CIRCLE!
CAN MEGA MAN TRIUMPH OVER
THE ROBOT MASTERS AGAIN?
WILL HE EVEN GET A CHANCE
TO FACE THEM?
AND WHAT ABOUT DR. WILY?
DON'T MISS THE THRILLING
SHOWDOWN NEXT TIME!

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THE STORY CONTINUES...

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ON SALE THE WEEK OF 8/16/11!



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